Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota played an important role in the development of broadcast television; and,

Whereas, Our nation has recently made the transition to digital broadcast television from the era of analog broadcast television; and,

Whereas, The history of broadcast television was made in part in South Dakota, when the first live television program transmitted across an ocean was carried via the Telstar 1 satellite from the United States to Europe on July 23, 1962; and,

Whereas, A series of microwave towers were used to move the signal from Mt. Rushmore to Denver, Colorado, and from there to New York City, for uploading and transmission to Europe; and,

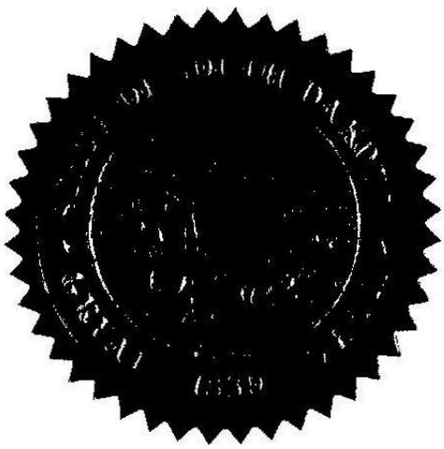
Whereas, The Telstar 1 satellite carried to Europe a 14-minute program, which included footage of Mt. Rushmore and Custer State Park; and,

Whereas, Many South Dakotans contributed to this technological feat, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary of this important milestone in broadcast television:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2012, as

TELSTAR 1 ANNIVERSARY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State